

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 5, 2012

Mr. Scott Tobias
Chief Executive Officer
Voice Media Group, Inc.
740 Krameria Street
Denver, CO 80220

Dear Mr. Tobias:

We are writing with regard to the recent news that your newly formed corporation, Voice Media Group, Inc., will acquire most of the assets currently owned by Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC, except for Backpage.com. We have taken an interest in developments related to the classified advertising website, given its outsized role in facilitating child sex trafficking.

As you probably know, Backpage is the leading U.S. website for prostitution. According to the AIM Group, a classified advertising consultancy, nearly 80 percent of online prostitution advertising revenue for the month of August 2012 was generated by the website's "adult entertainment" section. Law enforcement authorities continue to link Backpage to child sex trafficking cases across the country. In March, we added our voices to the 51 Attorneys General, human rights and sexual assault organizations, faith leaders and hundreds of thousands of citizens who have demanded the shuttering of Backpage's "adult entertainment" section to end its promotion of human trafficking.

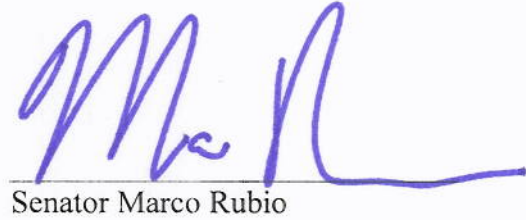
You were recently quoted as saying "Backpage has been a distraction ... to the core (editorial) properties." We are dismayed that you view child slavery as merely a "distraction" from the publishing business. We are also deeply disappointed that you chose to simply circumvent the public relations disaster Backpage rightly caused Village Voice Media, rather than stand up and use your authority as executives to end the company's role in the sexual exploitation of minors.

Any action short of shutting down Backpage's "adult entertainment" section will only proliferate the exploitation of children. We insist that you take the steps necessary to terminate the prostitution advertising on Backpage, and we will continue to hold any current or former Village Voice Media subsidiaries and related successor corporate structures accountable until such action has been achieved.

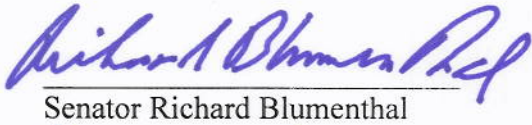
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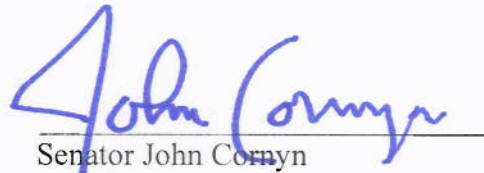
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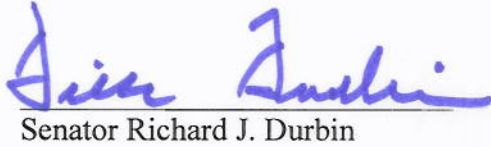
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Senator John Cornyn



Senator Richard J. Durbin



Senator Daniel K. Akaka

Cc: Ms. Christine Brennan, Executive Editor, Voice Media Group, Inc.
Mr. Jeff Mars, Chief Financial Officer, Voice Media Group, Inc.
Mr. Jim Larkin, Chairman and Chief Executive, Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC
Mr. Michael Lacey, Executive Editor, Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC